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AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin at page 13 of this paper.

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Applicants submit that the Examiner is again not asserting a proper motivation or suggestion to combine. Yoneda does not suggest that use or application of its "conventional" structure leads to time-saving advantages. Rather, the Examiner is inferring this advantage based on the reasoning that a "conventional" structure is a known structure and, therefore, does not require that time be spent developing a new technology. The Examiner's reasoning, however, effectively reads the motivation requirement out of establishing a prima facie case of obviousness. Taking the Examiner's reasoning to its logical end, all combinations with any known art would be motivated by the mere convenience of leveraging the known technology. This is not proper.

A motivation to combine requires that "the <u>references themselves</u> must provide some teaching whereby the applicant's combination would have been obvious" (emphasis added). *In re Gorman*, 933 F.2d 982, 18 USPQ2d 1885 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Yoneda provides no such teaching that modifying Terrada in the manner suggested by the Examiner would lead to time-saving advantages. Rather, Yoneda simply describes a particular LCD structure as being known or conventional in the art.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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